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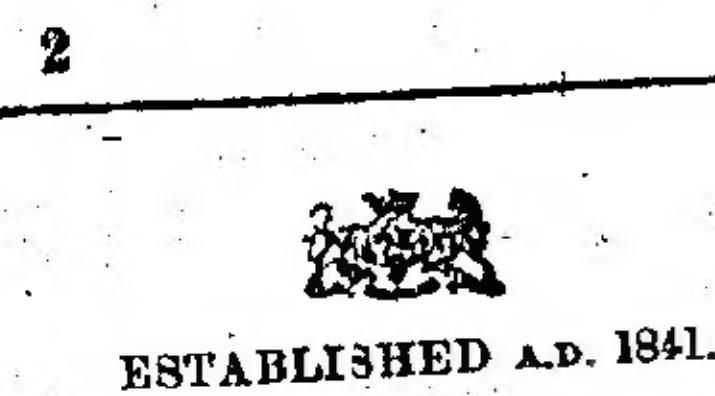
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BIRTHS.

On the 21st November, the wife of James Brown, Assistant Government Printer, Kuala Lumpur, of a son.
On the 23rd November, at Welles Hill, Kuala Lumpur, the wife of F. G. Baker, of a son.
On the 7th of December, at Shanghai, the wife of D. W. Crawfurd, of a daughter.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG OFFICE: 14, DESVaux ROAD CL.
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HONGKONG, 14TH DECEMBER, 1903

The general impression of Europe now appears to be that Japan and Russia will not fight; and this is the case in spite of the fact that the Japanese Diet passed what amounted to a vote of censure on the Ministry for its "temporising policy at home and neglect of opportunities abroad", and that the "Yong-ampu" question remains as difficult as ever. One very important indication of the expectation of peace was to be noted in a telegram to the *Ostasiatische Lloyd* dated Berlin, 5th December. According to this, it was reported from Paris that the first sixty million francs of the large new Russian loan would be floated within the next few days. It is extremely unlikely that any such loan could be floated in Paris unless peace were practically assured. With all the political affection which France may feel for Russia, French financiers (not by any means all financiers of French blood, it must be remembered) are not the men to risk their money for sentiment. Therefore we may fairly take it that France has good reason to believe in Russia's pacific declarations. In support of these latter, it is to be noted that the Russian reinforcements for the Far Eastern station are mostly wintering at Bizeria, on the northern coast of Tunis, and not coming out at once. That the feeling in Japan is rather strong might be a more disquieting factor in the situation, were it not for the firm hand which the Japanese Government has succeeded in keeping over popular agitation during the past few months. It is true that an unprecedented criticism of the reply from the Throne has marked the opening of the Diet last week; but we hear of no outward disturbance. The temper of the Japanese nation has been sorely tried, and that there should be a display of restiveness should occasion no wonder. There is no indication that the admirable control exercised by the responsible authorities in Japan is growing

any weaker. Could we be certain of the reality of the influence exerted by the Tsar in favour of peace we might similarly be assured about Russia as about Japan. Europe, however, as a whole seems to believe in the probability of a peaceful issue to a trying and difficult situation, judging by those political barometers, the stock exchanges. What precise significance is to be attached to Count Von Buelow's speech in the Reichstag, as reported by REUTER, it is a little hard to say. It is long since we know that "there is no part of the globe in which Germany is so little concerned as in Manchuria." Why the German Chancellor should be at pains to insist on this we cannot guess, and as for his remark that if Germany is involved in a conflict it will not be her fault, this cryptic utterance may be left for others to interpret. Count Von Buelow is fond of posing as a political Sphinx. Perhaps his riddles, after all, mean nothing in particular. Germany has other countries' friendships to consider besides Russia's. We do not believe that all Germans are so charmed at the idea of following in the train of Russia, as their country has done of recent years. Nor does it seem credible that the disinterestedness of Germany in Manchuria can be twisted into meaning a backing up of Russia's claims against all who question them. If Germany, according to the literal sense of Count Von Buelow's words, is neutral in the question of Manchuria, then no danger to the peace of the Far East, and therefore of the world, is to be feared from Berlin.

The well-known Russian General Wogack is returning to S. Petersburg via Port Arthur and Siberia.

A new planet in the constellation *Leo*, first discovered by Professor Hirayama of the Tokyo Observatory, has been named Tokyo.

A circular despatch from the Colonial Office with regard to the apprehension of deserters from Japanese ships is published in the *Gazette*.

It is notified in the *Gazette* that H.E. Major-General Villiers Hatton, C.B., was duly sworn and took his seat as Member of the Executive Council on the 5th inst.

The Scottish community at Penang celebrated S. Andrew's Day by a ball at the Town Hall, which was numerously attended and highly successful.

The Shanghai A. D. C. propose to produce Mr. H. V. Edmund's *One Summer's Day* to-night, the 14th, and Thursday, the 17th inst., at the Lyceum Theatre.

As in former years, the exchange Banks will be closed at 1 p.m. for the transaction of public business on the V.R.C. Regatta days, Wednesday and Thursday next.

Work is proceeding apace at the Racecourse with the traing of the mullah between the Grand Stand and the course; it is to be covered over when completed.

On the 25th ult. the Emperor of Japan gave a luncheon at the Shiba Palace, Tokyo, in honour of Admiral Sir Cyprian Bridge, at whom ten other British naval officers were also guests.

It has been arranged that Newman, who beat Jack Grace, will meet S. Preston of the *Amphitheatre* in a 20 round contest for 400 side-stakes and a purse on Wednesday night.

A very fine specimen of a hawk was shot the other day while it was in pursuit of some pigeons on the roof of a house on the west side of the island. The bird was only "winged," and was captured alive.

The Supreme Court will go into vacation on 24th inst. and resume on the 2nd January, 1904. Instead of being held on Fridays, 25th inst. and last prox., the Summary Court sittings will take place on Thursdays, the 24th and 31st inst.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alien Memorial and Netherlands Hospitals begs to acknowledge, with thanks, the following to the funds of the Hospitals:-

Paras Charity Fund \$100
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Yesterday the anniversary services of the Hongkong branch of the Wesleyan Missionary Society were held. Rev. Dr. Noyes of Canton preached in the City Hall in the afternoon. At 3 p.m. a missionary address for children was given in the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, Arsenal Street. Rev. W. Bridgeman preached in the evening. A public missionary meeting will be held to-night at 7.30, Mr. W. L. Anstey, B.N., presiding.

Hongkong's notoriety for frequency of fires at a certain season of the year was outdone by Glasgow at the end of the first week of November. Between Friday night and Sunday night there were 15 fires, including one which destroyed property to the amount of £200,000. A distillery blaze on the Saturday night did damage to the extent of £30,000. The fire was being got under when an explosion occurred, and in a short time buildings 400ft. square were burning.

Kang Yu Wei, the noted Reformer, is at present in Hongkong, living with his family, not far from the Central Police Station.

Mr. H. H. Brown, of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire's, Tungku, has been awarded by the Throne a gold medal of the first class for saving the lives of 40 Chinese from a capsized junk on the 27th March.

Members of the Jockey Club requiring private stables or stables accommodation within the Club enclosure at the forthcoming Race Meeting should apply in writing to Mr. T. F. Hough, Clerk of the Course, before Wednesday next.

The death of the Rt. Rev. James Addison Ingle, M.A., Bishop of Hankow, took place on the morning of the 7th inst. at his residence at Shanghai. Bishop Ingle belonged to the American Church Mission, and came to China in 1891.

There will be a Police smoking concert at Tsimshatsui on New Year's Eve. The concert is announced to begin at 7.30, and finish at 12, but of course "closing time" will not be enforced until due honour has been done to the New Year.

Some of the workers employed on the new railway line above Fatshan have been experiencing trouble with a section of the native population of late, and have found it necessary to keep their "shooting-irons" in readiness if they go far afield from the works.

The Russian cruisers *Dimitri Donskoi* and *Aurora*, eastward bound, arrived at Bizerte, Tunis, on the 24th and 25th ult. respectively. The Russian Squadron, it is stated, will remain at Bizerte until the end of January, and will then proceed to the Far East.

The appointments are notified in the *Gazette* of Mr. R. A. B. Parsons as Private Secretary to H.E. the Officer Administering the Government; of Mr. E. R. Halifax as Assistant Superintendent of the Fire Brigade; of Mr. C. Clementi as member of the Law Court; and of Messrs. A. G. M. Fletcher and J. J. Bull as Deputy Registrars of Marriage.

THE A.D.C. PERFORMANCE.

The attendance at the second performance of *The Importance of Being Earnest*, given at the Theatre Royal on Saturday evening by the Amateur Dramatic Club, was much larger and the comedy was performed with greater success than on the first night. It was probably a little stage nervousness following the rise of the curtain that gave the piece rather a weak start, but there was a quick recovery from the shock and, taken as a whole, the play was very creditably performed. Unfortunately, it has to be said of Gwendoline and Cecily that their elocution at times left something to be desired; even in the stalls it was difficult to follow the dialogue between them in the opening of the second act, but there was a noticeable improvement as the scene developed. Constant watchfulness in this respect would certainly enhance the effect of the play, which in other respects were very well taken. The credit given to the performers in our first notice of the play was more than sustained on Saturday night, and at the fall of the curtain the audience greeted the company with a well-earned round of applause. The final performances will be given this evening, when we hope the Company will be rewarded with another full house.

H.E. the Officer Administering the Government and Mrs. May witnessed the performance on Saturday.

The Amphitheatre band played the following programme:-
Macbeth "King Cotton" Souza
Selection "Country Girl" Ca ylla
Three dances "Neli Gayan" German.

HONGKONG VESSEL BOYCOTTED.

MANILA CHINESE DISSATISFIED.

A meeting of Chinese exporters recently took place in Hongkong, at which it was unanimously agreed that all vessels unloaded at Manila under the running check (official lighter system) would be boycotted, and, furthermore, if the shipping companies did not find a way to dispense with the most objectionable features of the system, from the Chinese exporter's and importer's standpoint they threatened to place new ships in the Hongkong-Manila trade. Messrs. Smith Bell & Company were agents of the first vessel unloaded under the new system. This accounts for the temporary boycott against the company's vessels. This boycott was an extraordinarily strong one. It provided that any one of the boycotting parties who failed to carry out his part of the agreement would be liable to a fine of £500. This situation was finally relieved to a certain extent by the shipping firms designating as official lightermen those persons desired by the Chinese importers.

Under the running check regulations no cargo may be discharged from any hold except into an official lighter. Each shipping firm now has its official lightermen whose duty is to furnish the necessary lighters for the discharge of any vessels that company may have in port. These official lightermen, although employed by shipping firms, are paid by the importers whose consignment they handle. Before the introduction of the running check each Chinese importing firm had its own lighter firm. According to the Manila *Cablenews*, Chinese importers do not like the idea of official lightermen. They have had their own lightermen for years and want to keep them. They object to having their fragile and perishable imports indiscriminately loaded into an enormous lighter where they will not receive the care and attention they would receive if loaded in the importers' cascoos.

TELEGRAMS.

"DAILY PRESS" SERVICE.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

AWFUL CALAMITY NEAR MANILA.

MANILA, 13TH DECEMBER, 11.45 A.M.

TWELVE MEN SUFOCATED.

Superintendent Law, six other Americans,

and five Filipinos have all died from asphyxiation through approaching a quarry too quickly after a blasting explosion. 45 tons of gunpowder and 11 tons of dynamite had been employed to break 200,000 of rock on the new Mariveles property of the Atlantic Gulf and Pacific Company, the Manila Harbour contractors.

[Mariveles is 34 miles W.S.W. of Manila itself.—ED. D.P.]

THE FAR EAST.

London, 13th December, 10.45 a.m.

RUSSIA'S REPLY TO JAPAN.

The news is confirmed that a commission under the presidency of the Tsar meets on the 20th instant to decide on the final reply to Japan.

The Paris journal *Leclair*, however, states that Russia's reply has been despatched and that it is of a conciliatory nature.

CRICKET IN AUSTRALIA.

London, 13th December, 10.45 a.m.

THE SYDNEY MATCH.

Australia concluded the first innings for 285. The English team has replied with 243 for 4 wickets.

REUTER'S SERVICE.

JAPAN AND RUSSIA.

London, 10th December.

The Times Tokyo correspondent wires that after the arrival of the Russian Squadron at Chemulpo, M. Pavlov, accompanied by the Admiral had an audience with the Emperor and it is believed renewed the protest against the opening of Yonagambo. It is declared that Japan is resolved not to yield an inch from her present moderate stand-point.

LORD ROBERTS' RETIREMENT.

London, 10th December.

Lord Roberts denies the rumours of his impending retirement.

OPENING OF THE JAPANESE DIET.

London, 10th December.

The Mikado, in opening the Diet, referring to the situation, only said that his Ministers were now conducting with prudence and circumspection important international negotiations for the preservation of peace in the Far East, and for Japan's rights and interests.

LATER.

Reuter's Agency at Tokyo wires that the House of Representatives have adopted the reply to the Throne without a division. The reply accuses the Ministry of a temporising policy at home and a neglect of opportunities abroad. This is regarded as doubly significant, because hitherto the reply has only been a formal expression of thanks to the Emperor.

GERMANY AND THE FAR EAST.

London, 11th December.

Count Von Bülow, speaking in the Reichstag, said there was no part of the globe in which Germany and that all risk of complications there were excluded; as far as Germany was concerned, Germany's policy there was circumspect and as peaceful as possible; if, however, Germany was involved in a conflict, it would not be her fault. Referring to Socialists' attack on Russia, Count Von Bülow said he would not allow himself to be deterred from cherishing most amicably good relations between Germany and Russia.

H.M.S. "FLORA."

London, 11th December.

H.M.S. Flora has been successfully refloated.

THE FIRE AT SANDRINGHAM.

London, 11th December.

The Hon. Miss Knollys, who was occupying the bedroom underneath the Queen's, awoke at 5 a.m. and, finding the room filled with smoke, hurried around and hurriedly aroused the Queen; and both rushed out attired only in their dressing gowns, and had only just reached the staircase when the floor of Her Majesty's bedroom collapsed. The fire is attributed to an electric wire igniting a beam in the Hon. Miss Knollys' room, from which it spread to the floor joists. The fire was confined to two rooms. The King, who was on a visit to Lord Irwin, promptly received a reassuring message from the Queen.

BRITISH NORTH BORNEO.

London, 9th December.

Sir Charles Jessel presided at the North Borneo dinner in London. A distinguished company was present. Mr. Cowie welcomed Chinese immigration to Borneo, and defended the policy of railway extension, which had already stimulated industry to a remarkable extent. He ridiculed the assertion that the North Borneo Company was anxious to tempt Great Britain to buy the Colony, and hoped shortly to announce that arrangement had been made to work coal, iron, and manganese on a large scale.

MASONIC BANQUET.

INSTALLATION AT LODGE S. JOHN.

The Right Worshipful Deputy District Grand Master, R. Wor. Bro. E. C. Ray, and officers of the District Grand Lodge of Hongkong and South China, on Saturday installed Wor. Bro. J. A. Tarrant as R.W.M. of Lodge S. John, No. 618, S. C., in succession to W. Bro. T. H. Jewitt, who has acted as R. W. M. of Lodge S. John during the past year. The newly installed R. W. M. invested his officers as follows:-

Wor. Sen. Warden, Bro. E. A. Earby, Wor.

Junior Warden, Bro. J. L. Cotter; Secretary, Wor.

Bro. H. B. Bridger, P.M.; Organist, Bro. E. C. Atkins; Senior Deacon, Bro. C. J. Tyndale Lea; Junior Deacon, Bro. W. Maxwell; Director of Ceremonies, Wor. Bro

HONGKONG JOTTINGS.

We have had during the past week in the correspondence columns of the *Daily Press* something in the nature of a discussion on religion tolerance. It has often appeared to me that more toleration is shown in religious affairs in those Far Eastern communities than one can meet with in any other part of the world. We had a striking instance of this in Hongkong only a few days ago. Where else in the world may we witness the spectacle that we saw at the Bazaar held by the French Roman Catholic sisters this week, when nearly all the shareholders were ladies prominently associated with either the Cathedral or the Union Church? It was a practical illustration of the fact that while in matters of faith we may disagree, in the great concern of charity all may co-operate on the best of terms.

There has been a good deal of public comment on the recent re-introduction of the stocks as a punishment for criminals in Hongkong. Whether may be said for or against them as an officious instrument for striking terror into the hearts of evil-doers, there is no doubt that our Senior Magistrate believes in them, so much so that several new pairs have had to be made of late to meet the police requirements. But if the stocks have come to stay, there is one direction in which they could be made more irksome to misdeemants. The other day I saw three coolies carrying stocks down from the Central to be placed in the low-lying streets whereto the offenders were to be exposed, while the offenders themselves walked alongside unabashed. Why not make the criminals bear their own stocks?

The poverty of the house on the first night of the A.D.C. performance last week was indeed to be regretted, and obviously had its effect on the players. What the cause was it is impossible to say, as on Saturday the theatre was full to overflowing. Friday is a bad night to open on, even though no mail may be going out next day, and the A.D.C. would have been wiser to have selected Saturday. The house is bound to be good on a Saturday night in Hongkong, and thus the play gets an encouraging send-off, which was not the case this time. It is not my province to criticise the performances, but I certainly agree with the praise awarded to the local amateurs for their efforts. A little more lung-power was all I could wish them.

These bracing days we have been enjoying recently have brought walking-parties again into vogue. Especially on Sundays—no doubt to the detriment of church-going—people take the opportunity of getting away into the New Territory or climbing over the heights of the Peak to dip down on the Aberdeen side of the island. A much-travelled gentleman, well-known in Hongkong and London musical circles, once said in my hearing that there was no spot in the world which had so many beautiful walks as Hongkong, and that of all these the walk from the summit of the hill to Aberdeen was the most beautiful. It well deserved this description. But now unfortunately its glory has departed. The valley down whose side the path meanders has been made a dumping-ground for rubbish from the Peak, and the crowd of carrion hawks that continually floats over the locality tells its own tale.

I wonder how long it will be before the Jubilee Road will have a commencement of a suitable kind—or, indeed, of any kind at all. At present it begins under the Kennedytown Hospital, in a plot of waste-land littered with straw etc., and generally with some piles of refuse burning. This is supposed to be Hongkong's carriage-road! It begins as if it led into a farmyard of a part gaily until sort. Yet it is undoubtedly a fine and picturesque road after the unsightly starting point is passed. Presumably that's a part among departures, the P.W.D. is responsible. In Hongkong it would seem to be an appropriate adage *cherchez le P.W.D.*

I notice that eucalyptus saplings have been planted along the Jubilee Road. I suppose that this is the work of the Botanical and Afforestation Department. If the neighbourhood can escape fever (against which some authorities believe in the efficacy of eucalyptus) there should be in the future some excellent sites along this road. But the proximity of the plague cemetery is not very inviting in one part of it. Perhaps some day the Government will see the advisability of moving the plague burial-ground, or to one of the sparsely islands. It would be a great improvement to Hongkong.

Though the Chinese coolie does not exhibit the taste for floriculture that is noticeable among the same class in Japan, the Hongkong coolie is not usually a destructive type where flowers and shrubs are concerned. But there are exceptions, and I regret to notice that somebody has recently been wantonly breaking off large fronds of the beautiful ferns which fringe the pathway up the slopes of Glenealy.

This particular neighbourhood seems to have its due proportion of the Colonial police force on patrol duty day and night, but the evil-doers seem to be more alert than the limbs of the law. A walk from the Robinson Road level up the slope which marks the beginning of Conduit Road will supply some evidence of this. The authorities, not without need, place three-barred iron railing along the right-hand side of the slope, but for the greater length only the top bar now remains. The lower rails have apparently been unscrewed (like lengths of gaspipes) and removed section by section. Very soon, unless a look-out is kept for the thieves, no trace of this railing will remain.

It is surprising how few games the Chinese children have. True, one may see a crowd of nondescripts at Happy Valley some Sundays

emulating the H.K.C.C. as they wildly follow a bounding indiarubber ball that is kicked about any way, and occasionally they essay cricket with improvised bat and wicket. But of games of their own they have a great lack. I have seen them playing at a sort of pop-top and at pitch-and-toss! These are exceptions, however. The only game that appears to be held in general favour among them is shuttlecock without the battledore, the place of the latter being supplied by the foot, with the insole of which the shuttlecock is kicked into the air from one player to the other. Even "grown-ups" indulge in the pastime by turns, and a good player is always sure to get an admiring crowd of spectators, no matter what the time or place.

The spell of warm weather after unusually early winter cold here is curiously paralleled by what we read in the latest home papers of the weather there a month ago, when a period of higher temperatures succeeded cold. But there was some reason for the change there; indeed it was a regular phenomenon of the approach of winter at home, and in old England it used to be known as "All Hallows' Summer." Perhaps some of my readers who were present at Mr. Hannibal Williams's recital at the City Hall last week will recall the allusion in *King Henry IV*, for does not Prince Henry, when bidding good-bye to Falstaff, say, "Farewell, thou latter spring! Farewell, All-hallows' summer?" There is no equally picturesque name to apply to the change of weather here.

BANANAS.

INTERPORT XI. v. REST OF H.K.C.C. This match on the Cricket Ground on Saturday ended in a victory for the Interport team by 10 wickets—an unexpectedly easy win after the fairly level play last week. In the losing team F. MacLellan and E. Mast were unable to play, their places being taken by Commander Watson, R. N., and G. M. Fletcher. When play recommenced the Rest had scored 78 runs for 4 wickets in their first innings and against their opponents' 225. De Paris and Chichester were the first pair to face the bowlers, but only 6 runs had been added when the former fell to a catch off R. Hancock's bowling. This was a token of what was to follow, as the bowling of the two Hancocks was, as far as the remaining men, and the last five wickets fell for an addition of only 34 runs. Radcliffe and Lee alone reaching double figures. R. Hancock took 5 wickets for 18 runs and his brother 3 for 27. Following on the Rest made a poor start, as Lee, who had carried his bat and had gone in first in the second innings, was caught when he had made 6 out of 10. Then Commander Watson, Mast's substitute, and Irwin got together and knocked up 40 runs before the midshipman was out. Chichester, who followed, left at 65, but Radcliffe helped Watson to hoist the hundred. At 116, however, Watson having scored 56 out of the 96 while he was in, was dismissed, fourth out, by a catch off Dixon's bowling. Radcliffe continued to bat successfully, and Rimington got into double figures, but the rest were failures, and the innings closed for 147, leaving the Interport XI only 42 to win. These Arthur and H. Hancock knocked off in less than a quarter of an hour, giving their side a ten-wicket victory. Scores and analysis:—

THE INTERPORT TEAM.

First Innings. THE REST OF THE CLUB. First Innings. Second Innings.

F. MacLellan, b J. T. Dixon..... 17

A. Irwin, b J. T. Dixon..... 1

Dixon, b T. Wall, c sub, b..... 23

R. Hancock, b H. E. Rimington..... 9

H. Hancock, b H. E. Rimington..... 33

E. Mast, b R. Hancock, c sub, b H. E. Rimington..... 0

A. G. Fletcher, b H. E. Rimington..... 0

T. S. Osborne, b R. Hancock, c sub, b H. E. Rimington..... 4

Capt. Radcliffe, b H. E. Rimington..... 2 not out..... 30

H. Hancock, b H. E. Rimington..... 13

H. Hancock, b H. E. Rimington..... 13

J. E. Lee, not out..... 19

Capt. Radcliffe, b H. E. Rimington..... 3

A. G. Fletcher, b H. E. Rimington..... 6

Extr..... 14

Total..... 118

Total..... 153

BOWLING ANALYSIS. THE REST OF THE CLUB.

First Innings. Second Innings.

O. M. R. W. 10 3 27 2 14 3 37 3

Dixon..... 7 2 19

B. T. Wall, c sub, b..... 4 13

R. Hancock, b H. E. Rimington..... 14 1 45 4

H. Hancock, b H. E. Rimington..... 13 2 29 2

H. Hancock, b H. E. Rimington..... 11 4 16 5 23 1

Turmer..... 3 17

Total..... 118

Total..... 153

CIVIL SERVICE C.C.

D. Atkinson, b W. Woolley..... 17

G. A. Woodcock, c H. L. Jackson, b J. L. Jackson..... 14

R. Witchell, b J. L. Jackson..... 1

H. T. Jackson, b J. L. Jackson..... 1

P. T. Lamont, b J. L. Jackson..... 19

J. Deveney, b J. L. Jackson..... 0

L. P. B. Rutherford, b J. L. Jackson..... 6

W. P. Gill, b J. L. Jackson..... 4

F. T. Robbie, b J. L. Jackson..... 12

Extr..... 1

Total..... 91

BOWLING ANALYSIS. CIVIL SERVICE C.C.

Lamont..... 12 4 19 3

Woolley..... 16 1 27 1

Rutherford, b J. L. Jackson..... 19

Wedgegate..... 5 1 16 3

H. K.C.C. 1 16 5

Extr..... 11 1 41 1

Total..... 11 1 33 9

Jackson..... 11 1 41 1

Witchell..... 11 1 41 1

CHAOINGOWEE C.C. v. PARSEES.

The C.C.C. gained a handsome victory in the League competition by 130 runs and 3 wickets.

Score:—

PARSEES.	
J. M. Mehta, b A. Asger, b Brown	0
R. B. Cooper, b Brown	0
K. B. Captain, b Brown, b Pestoni	3
J. D. Captain, b Brown, b Pestoni	27
J. D. Stewart, b Brown, b Pestoni	4
J. A. Chinoy, b F. A. Cooper	2
B. K. Rutherford, b Pestoni	5
J. M. Master, b Cooper	6
N. Bojorje, not out	2
M. D. Vaidya, not out	10
Extras	59
Total	139

Score:—

CHAOINGOWEE C.C.	
A. Brown, b Captain	13
J. I. Stuart, b Rutherford, b Captain	5
M. Harkam, not out	43
L. A. Howe, b Noria	53
K. Basu, b Cooper	18
J. Craig, b Rutherford, b Cooper	2
E. Ford, not out	27
F. Rapp, b Cooper	10
Extras	0
Total (7 wickets)	139

Score:—

R. Houghton and A. E. Asger did not bat.

Score:—

BOWLING ANALYSIS. PARSEES C.C.

Score:—

CHAOINGOWEE C.C.

Score:—

Noria

Captain

Chinoy

Master

Cooper

Extras

Total

Score:—

H.M.S. "TAMAR" v. R.E.M.

Score:—

Played in the Happy Valley, on Saturday, this League match ended in a win for the Tamari, by 27 runs. Score:—

H.M.S. "TAMAR"

Score:—

H. Stanbury, c Glassbrook, b Bowyer

A. C. Butt, b White, b Bowyer

C. A. Parker, run out

G. M. Row, b White, b Bowyer

A. E. Oliver, b Bowyer

Holman, c Smith, b Glassbrook

Tony, b Meldrum, b Bowyer

Wright, c Jackson, b Meldrum

Whitney, c and b Meldrum

Reed, not out

Extras

Total

Score:—

ROYAL ENGINEERS.

Score:—

Whites, b Bowye

Thornicroft, b Bowye

Muldran, run out

Hawley, run out

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NOTICE.

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By Order of the Board of Directors.

T. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 14th December, 1903. [343]

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Hongkong, 14th December, 1903. [344]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, the ACCIDENT OF THE CONCERNED, TO MOURNING (TUESDAY), the 16th DECEMBER, 1903, at 11 A.M., at their SALES ROOMS, No. 8, Des Voeux Road (Corner of Ice House Street).

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Hongkong, 14th December, 1903. [346]

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Hongkong, 14th December, 1903. [347]

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J. S. VAN BUREN,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 14th December, 1903. [348]

THE HONGKONG WEEKLY PRESS and CHINA OVERLAND TRADE REPORT

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Rough Weather Outside Hongkong.

New Commander-in-Chief in Hongkong.

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E. A. HEWETT,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 9th December, 1903. [342]

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A. M. THOMSON,
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Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 8th December, 1903. [348]

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Hongkong, 10th December, 1903. [341]

AUCTIONS

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V. I. REMEDIOS,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 14th December, 1903. [340]

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Hongkong, 12th December, 1903. [348]

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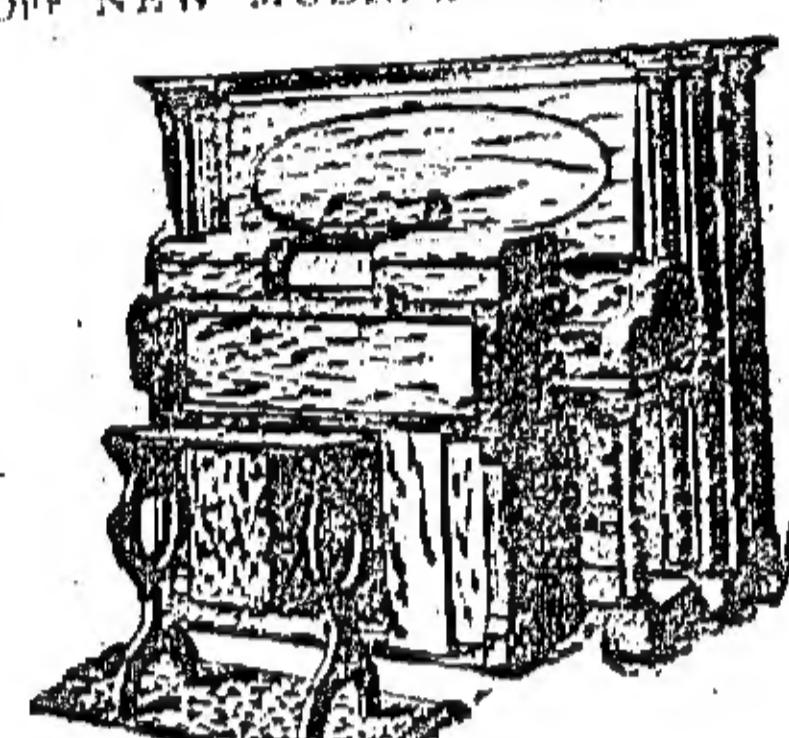
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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 19th to 26th instant, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 12th December, 1903. [3437]

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

AN INTERIM DIVIDEND on account of the year 1903 at the rate of Fifty Cents per Share (or Five Per Cent on the Capital of the Company) will be payable at the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK, Hongkong, on and after MONDAY, the 30th instant, on Warrants to be obtained from the undersigned. Local Shareholders are requested to apply at the Company's Office for their Warrants.

The Dividend will also be payable at the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK, Shanghai, on presentation of Warrants there, on and after the same date.

The REGISTER of SHARES will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 23rd instant, until MONDAY, the 30th instant, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares will be registered.

By Order,

A. H. MANCELL,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 14th November, 1903. [3156]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.**T**HE SHARE CERTIFICATE No. 2633 for Fifty shares, numbered 2201/2250 inclusive standing in the register in the name of TOM GREAVES GOWLAND having been lost, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that unless the said Certificate be produced at the Office of the DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP CO., LTD., Victoria, Hongkong, before 17th DECEMBER, 1903, a new certificate for the said shares will be issued and the old certificate will thereafter be held by the Company as null and void.DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 17th November, 1903. [3173]

HUMPHREYS' ESTATE AND FINANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.**S**HAREHOLDERS are hereby notified that in accordance with the Special Resolutions passed on 31st October, and confirmed on 18th November, 1903, they are entitled on application to an allotment of one share for every two old shares held by them. Forms of application will be sent to every shareholder.

The sum of \$2.50 per share will be payable, on application, on or before the 4th of January, 1904. Two months' notice of any calls will be given.

Shareholders desirous of paying on or before the 4th January, 1904, the whole amount payable in respect of their shares, can do so, and in such event will receive fully paid up credit in exchange.

The new issue will rank for Dividend pro rata from 1st January, 1904, according to the amount paid on such shares on 4th January, 1904.

The Register of Shares will be closed from 17th December, 1903, to 4th January, 1904, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
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Hongkong, 21st March, 1903. [263]

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Hongkong, 28th November, 1902. [11]

HAMBURG LETTER.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

Hamburg, 10th November.

I have on a former occasion mentioned the

Borsenrecht as a serious impediment to trade in

general and as tending to lower the standard

of commercial morality. It was confidently

expected at the time the law was passed that by

raising the stamp duties on home and foreign

securities they would yield considerably more.

The figures, however, seem to have remained

pretty stationary, thus indicating a considerable

falling-off in the turnover, for which the

Borsenrecht cause must be chiefly held

responsible. I have already explained that

according to the same only parties entered on

the official register are legally liable for debts

arising from transactions in futures, be it on

the Stock Exchange or in produce markets.

The supreme court having given a wide

interpretation to this law, not a few unscrupulous

operators have taken advantage of it to

repudiate contracts on which there was a loss.

This has rendered bankers and merchants

most anxious in their dealings, and a

great amount of business has consequently

been lost to Germany, whilst foreign markets

have been the gainers.

It is now officially stated that a bill will be

laid before the Reichstag next session amending

the present law, but what the modifications will

be has not yet transpired. It is rumoured that

the stamp duties will be reduced, and the

Borsenrecht abolished, certain restrictive

clauses, however, being retained for the protec-

tion of unwary outsiders.

Several months ago I expressed the opinion

that after the long period of depression in the

coffee market a turn might be looked for at any

time. Heavy stocks everywhere and further

increasing supplies had forced prices down to a

level which could not fail to attract speculators

in the long run. This has at length come to

pass. Less favourable crop accounts from the

Brazil, reduced receipts at the exports of that

country, and a steadily-growing consumption all

over the world have induced American operators

to follow suit, so that prices have advanced

something like 25 per cent. in a short

time and are expected to go still higher.

Cotton, which during the month of September

and the early part of October experienced

a sharp decline after the excitement of the

summer, has again assumed an upward course.

The stocks at the end of last season having

run down to figures without parallel since the

American War of Secession and the new crop

being unusually late, the heavy receipts now

coming in the United States do not yet h

ave had a marked effect on the market, but are

beginning to do so, and are likely to do so

more as the general inclemency of the weather

continues to prevail.

The general inclemency of the weather, with

frequent frost, has led to a reduction of the ultimate

yield and to renewed activity on the part of

operators for a rise on both sides of the Atlantic.

The trade is bare of cotton everywhere, and

although spinners still hold back, hoping to

see prices drop again, but both they and consumers will have

to reckon with a higher range of values.

The Stock Exchange, although still far from

active, seems inclined to take a more hopeful

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Dec. 11, HOLSTEIN, German str., 985, Joh. Hansen, Haiphong 9th Dec., Hockow 10th Dec., JENSEN & Co.
 Dec. 12, ALBION, British battleship, 12,950, T. H. M. JONES, Kobe 3rd December and Mir Bay 12th November.
 Dec. 12, HANOU, French str., 872, Morbes, Haiphong 10th Dec. and Hoihov 11th, General A. R. MARY.
 Dec. 12, HIROSAN MARU, Japanese str., 2,702, Fujii, Kotonoboto 2nd December, Coal—MITSUBI BUNSAI KAISHA.
 Dec. 12, IUTIN, German gunboat, from Canton.
 Dec. 12, JELONG, British str., 3,300, A. J. Windbank, Rangoon 27th Nov., General JARDINE, MATTHEWS & Co.
 Dec. 12, KAIFONG, British str., 1,024, G. H. Pinn, Father, Manila 9th Dec., General BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.
 Dec. 12, KASHING, British str., 1,143, W. B. Brown, Shanghai 8th December, General BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.
 Dec. 12, KWONGHANG, British str., 1,427, Lake, Sutong and Shanghai 8th Dec., General JARDINE, MATTHEWS & Co.
 Dec. 12, MERCEDES, Transport, 2,925, Mc Gregor, Wellington 17th November, Coal—ADMIRALTY.
 Dec. 12, MONTEVERI, U.S. monitor, from Canton.
 Dec. 12, PASCAL, French cruiser, 4,000, Sevres, Fougou 10th December.
 Dec. 12, RAJAHU, German str., 1,187, G. Wondig, Bangkok 1st December, Rice and Lumber—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.
 Dec. 12, SHAKANO MARU, Japanese str., 2,664, Suzuki, Moji 6th Dec., Coal—DODWELL & Co.
 Dec. 12, SURPRISE, French gunboat, 650, R. Thorne, from Shanghai.
 Dec. 12, TAISHAN, British str., 1,121, J. D. Jenkins, Sammang 29th November, Sugar and Cotton—BRADLEY & Co.
 Dec. 12, THIENSHIEN, British str., 1,027, Gibbs, Wuhu 6th December, General BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.
 Dec. 13, DON JUAN DE AUSTRIA, U.S. gunboat, Donald, Manila 10th December.
 Dec. 13, EASTERN, British str., 3,690, W. Ellis, Kobe 8th Dec., General GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.
 Dec. 13, HAILONG, British str., 782, Evans, Swatow 12th Dec., General—DOUGLAS LAIRAK & Co.
 Dec. 13, HONGMOR, British str., 2,555, W. Dawson, Singapore 6th Dec., General CHINESE.
 Dec. 13, JOHANNE, German str., 982, Ipland, Chao-fu 8th Dec., General—ORDRE.
 Dec. 13, KERAKANT, French gunboat, 1,250, Le Goulo, Hoihov 12th December.
 Dec. 13, ROSETTA MARU, Jap. str., 2,402, H. S. Smith, Manila 11th Dec., Treasurer, Toyo Kisen Kaiha.
 Dec. 13, TAICHOW, German str., 812, G. Schultz, Bangkok 12th December, Rice—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.
 Dec. 13, VALE OF DOON, British barque, 609, F. W. Wessman, Rajung 9th Nov., Timber—SANDER, WIELER & Co.
 Dec. 13, VICTORIA, Amer. str., 2,500, John Trumbull, Tacoma 16th Nov., General—DODWELL & Co., Ltd.
 Dec. 13, YANOTSU, British str., 4,140, Allen, Liverpool and Glasgow 31st Oct., General BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.
 Dec. 13, WHAMPOA, British str., from Canton.
 Dec. 13, WOOSUNG, British str., from Canton.

CLEARANCES
AT THE HONGKONG MASTERS OFFICE,
12th December.

Hokou Maru, Japanese str., for Kutchinotzu

DEPARTURES.

12th December.

Die, Portuguese gunboat, for Macao.
 EDENDALE, British str., for Singapore.
 FORMOSA, British str., for Haiphong.
 HONGKONG, French str., for Haiphong.
 KAWACHI MARU, Japanese str., for Singapore.
 KWONGSANG, British str., for Canton.
 LOONG-SANG, British str., for Swatow.
 MAIZURO MARU, Japanese str., for Swatow.
 MIEPO, Chinese str., for Shanghai.
 ORION, British str., for New York.
 PROGRESS, German str., for Hoihov.
 RIBU, British str., for Manila.
 13th December.
 CHINHUA, British str., for Kobe.
 CHOWTAI, German str., for Bangkok.
 CHIYOSANG, British str., for Shanghai.
 GERMANY, German str., for Shanghai.
 HAIMUN, British str., for Tamsui.
 HAOCHOW, British str., for Shanghai.
 KASHIWA, British str., for Canton.
 LOONG-MOON, German str., for Shanghai.
 PRONIO, German str., for Shanghai.
 TIENSHIEN, British str., for Canton.

VESSELS ON THE BERTH
FOR YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

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Hongkong, 9th December, 1903. [3372]

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Hongkong, 4th December, 1903. [3349]

VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING.

DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAMES	FLAG	CAPTAIN	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON, &c., VIA PORTS OF CALL	BALLAARAT	Brit. str.	C. R. Longden	P. & O. S. N. Co.	19th inst., at Noon.
LONDON & ANTWERP, VIA SINGAPORE, &C.	BRITISH	Brit. str.	G. H. G. Lewthwaite	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 24th inst.
LIVERPOOL	FLINTSHIRE	Brit. str.	J. M. Haffner	SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.	About 25th inst.
ACHILLES	BRIT.	Brit. str.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	22nd inst.
DIOME	BRIT.	Fren. str.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-morrow, 1 P.M.
PROMETHEUS	BRIT.	Fren. str.		MESSENGERS MARITIMES	22nd inst.
HINGO MARU	BRIT.	Jap. str.	F. Davies	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	23rd inst., D'light:
DAEDALUS	BRIT.	Jap. str.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	5th Jan.
YANOTSU	BRIT.	Jap. str.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	10th Jan.
K. ALBERT	BRIT.	Jap. str.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	15th Jan.
ARAGONIA	BRIT.	Jap. str.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	19th Jan.
NUERDING	BRIT.	Jap. str.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	23rd Jan.
AMBIA	BRIT.	Jap. str.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	6th Feb.
WURZBURG	BRIT.	Jap. str.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	1st Jan.
ALESIA	BRIT.	Jap. str.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	19th inst., F.M.
SAVORIA	BRIT.	Jap. str.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	16th inst.
CHINA	BRIT.	Jap. str.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	About 19th inst.
GLENROY	BRIT.	Jap. str.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	10th Jan.
L CABLE	BRIT.	Jap. str.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	14th Jan.
HIMERA	BRIT.	Jap. str.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	18th Jan.
LOCKHART	BRIT.	Jap. str.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	22nd Jan.
DEJAH	BRIT.	Jap. str.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	27th Jan.
Duckstein	BRIT.	Jap. str.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-morrow, 4 P.M.
YANOTSU	BRIT.	Jap. str.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	19th inst.
TO-MORROW	BRIT.	Jap. str.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	23rd inst., at 4 P.M.
NEW YORK, VIA PORTS & SUEZ CANAL	TO-MORROW	BRIT.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	1st Jan.
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NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL	TO-MORROW	BRIT.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	10th Jan.
NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL	TO-MORROW	BRIT.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	14th Jan.
NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL	TO-MORROW	BRIT.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	19th Jan.
NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL	TO-MORROW	BRIT.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	23rd Jan.
NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL	TO-MORROW	BRIT.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	27th Jan.
NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL	TO-MORROW	BRIT.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	31st Jan.
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NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL	TO-MORROW	BRIT.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	9th Feb.
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NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL	TO-MORROW	BRIT.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	5th Apr.
NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL	TO-MORROW	BRIT.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	9th Apr.
NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL	TO-MORROW	BRIT.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	13th Apr.
NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL	TO-MORROW	BRIT.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	17th Apr.
NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL	TO-MORROW	BRIT.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	21st Apr.
NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL	TO-MORROW	BRIT.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	25th Apr.
NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL	TO-MORROW	BRIT.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	29th Apr.
NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL	TO-MORROW	BRIT.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	1st May.
NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL	TO-MORROW	BRIT.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	5th May.
NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL	TO-MORROW	BRIT.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	9th May.
NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL	TO-MORROW	BRIT.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	13th May.
NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL	TO-MORROW	BRIT.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	17th May.
NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL	TO-MORROW	BRIT.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	21st May.
NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL	TO-MORROW	BRIT.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	25th May.
NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL	TO-MORROW	BRIT.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	29th May.
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NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL	TO-MORROW	BRIT.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	13th July.
NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL	TO-MORROW	BRIT.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	17th July.
NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ					

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Letters and Post-cards are now received for transmission to Europe via Daimy and the Trans-Siberian Railway, and should be marked accordingly. No Printed matter can be accepted. The letters of Postage by this route will be the same as at present via the Suez Canal.

The *Argus*, with the French Mail of the 13th ult., left Saigon on Saturday, the 12th inst., at 5 a.m., and may be expected here to-morrow.

The *Kang*, with the American Mail, left Shanghai on Saturday the 12th inst., at daylight, and may be expected here to-day.

MAILS WILL CLOSE

	PEB	DATE
Canton		
Huphon	Poran	14th, 7.30 A.M.
Yokohama and Kobe	Holstein	14th, 1.00 P.M.
Amoy	Auraria	14th, 11.00 A.M.
Macao	Amelia	14th, 1.15 P.M.
Kobe	Hopson	14th, 2.00 P.M.
Amoy, Swatow and Rangoon	Jelunga	14th, 3.00 P.M.
Shanghai and Chinkiang	Pakhoi	14th, 4.00 P.M.
Kongmoum, Kunshuk and Samsui	Sze Wu	14th, 4.00 P.M.
Hoihoi, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Huhsan	14th, 5.00 P.M.
Canton	Fatshan	14th, 5.00 P.M.
Swatow	Huiping	14th, 5.00 P.M.

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Canton.....

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TO-DAY.

Sale, Clothing, Sales Rooms, Mr. V. I. Remedies, 23rd p.m.

Sale, Wines, Sales Rooms, Mr. Geo. F. Lamerton, 23rd p.m.

Performance, Theatre Royal, City Hall, 9 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

Sale, Fancy Goods, &c., Sales Rooms, Messrs. Hughes & Hough, 11 a.m.

COMMERCIAL.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

12th December.

ON LONDON.—

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ON PARIS.—

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Credits, at 4 months' sight 21¹/₂

ON GERMANY.—

On demand 17¹/₂

ON NEW YORK.—

Bank Bills, on demand 41¹/₂

Credits, 60 days' sight 42¹/₂

ON BOMBAY.—

Telegraphic Transfer 12¹/₂

Bank, on demand 12¹/₂

ON CALCUTTA.—

Telegraphic Transfer 12¹/₂

Bank, on demand 12¹/₂

ON HONGKONG.—

Bank, on demand 14¹/₂

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ON DAEGU.—

Bank, on demand 14¹/₂

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Bank, on demand 14¹/₂

ON SAIGON.—

Bank, on demand 14¹/₂

SOVEREIGN, Bank's Buying Rate 14¹/₂

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OPIUM.

11th December.

Quotations are—Allowance not to 1 cent.

Malwa New 50.0 to 80.0 per picul.

Malwa Old 100.0 to 120.0

Malwa Old 51.0 to 61.0

Malwa V. Old 61.0 to 81.0

Persian (or quality) 88.10 to —

Persian extra fine 88.10 to —

Patna New 81.85 to —

Patna Old 81.85 to —

Banaras New 81.85 to —

Banaras Old 81.85 to —

VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The P.M. steamer *Korea* left Shanghai for this port on the 12th inst., at day-light, and is due here to-day.

The P.M. steamer *Algoa* arrived at Yokohama on the 11th inst.

The O. & O. steamer *Gaelic* left San Francisco for this port, via Honolulu, &c., on the 25th ult.

The T.K.K. steamer *Hongkong Mara* left San Francisco for this port, via Honolulu, &c., on the 3rd inst.

THE FRENCH MAIL.

The M.M. steamer *Armen* left Saigon on the 12th inst., at 5 a.m., for this port.

THE ENGLISH MAIL.

The P. & O. steamer *Coronation* left Singapore for this port on the 13th inst., at 6 a.m.

THE INDIAN MAIL.

The steamer *Cathay Apean*, from Calcutta, left Singapore for this port on the 9th inst., Lemba-China steamer *Nansong* left Calcutta for this port via the Straits, on the 6th inst., and may be expected here on the 22nd inst.

THE GERMAN MAIL.

The Imperial German mail steamer *Bayern* left Colombo on the 13th inst., a.m., and may be expected here on the 23rd inst.

THE CANADIAN MAIL.

The C.P.R. steamer *Empress of China* left Vancouver on the 30th ult., p.m., for Hongkong via the usual ports of call.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.

The P. & O. steamer *Japan* left Singapore for this port on the 8th inst., at 6 a.m.

The N.P. steamer *Tacoma* arrived at Yokohama on the 30th ult.

The P. & O. steamer *Treasure* left Singapore for this port on the 2nd inst., at 6 a.m.

The C.P.R. steamer *Taritar* arrived at Nagasaki at 8 a.m. on the 11th inst., and left again

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